

The Bear's Paw

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January 2010 Events

18-School Closed-Martin Luther King Day
19-BOE Meeting-7pm
23-Breakfast with MONTY!-Cafeteria- 9am
26-VOTE-Roof Referendum from 2pm-9pm
28-Report Cards go home

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From the Principal

"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."
~Roy Disney, Chairman of the Walt Disney Company.

From the Chief School Administrator/Principal

The Montague Board of Education is holding a special election seeking voter approval to undertake partial replacement/repair of the gymnasium, cafeteria and media center roof areas at the Montague Elementary School on January 26, 2010. The current roof is over twenty-five years old and has had many leaks and patch repairs made in the last decade. The school applied for and was selected as a State Grant recipient. The State has agreed to contribute the amount of 40% of the project costs, or \$158,050. The State grant will reduce the taxpayers' share of the project costs to 60%, or \$237,075, which will be funded through the issuance of school bonds/notes. The Board anticipates that the bonds/notes will be paid off within seven years.

The average home in Montague Township is assessed at approximately \$100,000. The cost per average homeowner would be twenty-three (\$23) per year for 5 years for the proposed project, less than two (\$2) per month.

Voting times are from 2pm to 9pm. The polling place for districts 1 and 2 will be the school library.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

DECEMBER Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-DONOVAN LANGAN

First Grade- WILLIAM RIKER

Second Grade-DIANA GELDERMAN

Third Grade-COLLIN PONCE

Fourth Grade-MATTHEW CRANE

Fifth Grade-LUCAS SAVARESE

Sixth Grade-ILANA MISHIYEV

Principal's Principles for January

- Caring
- Good Choices
- Equality
- Gratitude

Staff News and Class Happenings

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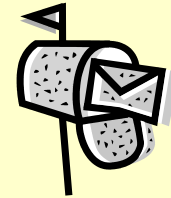
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- ❖ *Give Kids a Smile!* National Children's Dental Access Day will be on February 5, 2010 right here at school. **Mrs. Alles**, our school nurse, is coordinating this event and will be sending information and permission slips home for this. Dentists, hygienists and dental assistants volunteer their time to provide dental services to children 12 and under. Thank you, **Mrs. Alles!**



- ❖ **Mrs. Wright** wants to remind everyone to dress appropriately on PE days because the classes go outside to walk for five to six minutes even when it's cold outside. Also, please remember that even in snowy weather, boots are NOT allowed in the gym.

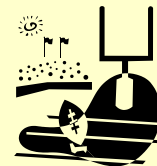
- ❖ **Mrs. Galandak's** first grade will again be pen pals with a class from Sandyston-Walpack; be reading buddies with **Ms. Bellini** and **Miss Murrell's** fourth grade and share some language arts activities with **Mrs. Henn's** kindergarten class.



- ❖ **Mrs. Buda's** and **Mrs. Willeford's** third grade class are learning about energy in Science and Spanish explorers in Social Studies.



- ❖ **Ms. Bellini's** and **Miss Murrell's** fourth grade have exceeded their goal of reading 100 books by December 18, 2009. They read 102 books for Team Eli in the Scholastic Book's Classroom Cares Program. Scholastic Books along with the Eli Manning Family will donate books to various charities. Way to go **4B!**



- ❖ **Mrs. Bonn's**, **Mr. Runne's**, **Mrs. Varacalli**, **Mrs. Welle**, and **Mrs. Higbie's** fifth grade students completed the **DARE Program** last week. Forty-two fifth grade students received their completion certificates from DARE Officer Ed Galinski from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office as their parents watched. The students received DARE tee shirts along with their certificates. CONGRATULATIONS to **Tea Fairweather** and **Michael Baarda** from **5B** and **Danielle Johnson** and **Noah Hutchinson** from **5R** for winning the DARE Essay contest.